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INFO AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

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SUBJ: MOMBASA PORT DETENTION SURCHARGE

REF: STATE 138658

1. ACCORDING TO MOMBASA REPRESENTATIVE OF U.S. SHIPPING LINES CONGESTION PROBLEM NOT SEVERE AT MOMBASA. AVERAGE WAITING TIME LAST HALF JUNE IS 3 TO 5 DAYS; BETWEEN 5 AND 10 SHIPS WAITING TO UNLOAD AT ANY ONE TIME. ESTIMATE EIGHT WORKING DAYS TO DISCHARGE 15,000 TONS GENERAL CARGO AND LOAD 3,000 TONS.
2. MAJOR IMPEDIMENT TO RAPID DISCHARGE OF CARGO IS SHED CONGESTION. SHIPS CANNOT BE WORKED BY FULL CREWS AS SPACE IN SHEDS FOR CARGO IS LIMITED. IF SHED CONGESTION REDUCED, SHIPS COULD BE WORKED BY FULL CREWS AND DISCHARGE TIME CUT IN HALF. WOULD ALSO CUT DOWN WAITING TIME.
3. SHED CONGESTION CAUSED MAINLY BY SLOW PROCESSING OF DOCUMENTS BY CUSTOMS. ONCE PAPERS PROCESSED, KENYA CARGO IS REMOVED FAIRLY QUICKLY. UGANDA CARGO IS PROBLEM AS ONLY ONE CLEARING AGENT FOR ALL UGANDA CARGO AND BACKLOG OF UGANDA CARGO LIMITS SHED SPACE FOR KENYA CARGO.
4. TWO NEW BERTHS UNDER CONSTRUCTION THAT SHOULD BE FULLY OPERATIONAL BY JUNE 1975 ARE EXPECTED TO REDUCE CONGESTION CONSIDERABLY.

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5. LOCAL REPS FELT SURCHARGE RESULTED FROM DELAYS

AT DAR ES SALAAM RATHER THAN PROBLEMS AT MOMBASA.

6. EUROPE-EAST AFRICA CONFERENCE CURRENTLY CHARGES
15 PERCENT CAPE SURCHARGE (CLOSING OF SUEZ), 20 PER-
CENT BUNKER SURCHARGE, AND ADDITIONAL 10 PER CENT PORT
DETENTION SURCHARGE FOR DAR ES SALAAM. NO PORT DETENTION
SURCHARGE FOR MOMBASA.
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